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BUTZ' VISIT TO THAILAND

1. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ, VISITED THAILAND ON APRIL 4 TH AND 5TH. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE, DAVID L. HUME, AND A PARTY OF EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AS WELL AS MRS. BUTZ. AFTER MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR KINTNER AT THE EMBASSY TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THAILAND, SECRETARY BUTZ AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WERE BRIEFED BY THE COUNTRY TEAM.

2. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING AT THE EMBASSY, SECRETARY BUTZ AND PARTY WERE THE QUESTS OF THE ROYAL THAI
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HOUR BOAT RIDE AND WORKING LUNCH WITH ALMOST ALL
OF THE EXECUTIVE SECTION OF THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE. DURING THIS THREE HOUR BOAT RIDE AND LUNCH,
SECRETARY BUTZ AND MINISTER CHAKRABANDH HAD A CHANCE TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN THAILAND.
MINISTER CHAKRABANDH EXPRESSED THAILAND'S CONTINUED
INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES AS A SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR
COTTON AND TOBACCO. CHAKRABANDH EXPLAINED AS WELL
THE AGRICULTURE PROBLEMS FACING THAILAND AS IT STRIVES
FOR AN INTEGRATED STRATEGY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. ON THE EVENING OF THE 4TH, SECRETARY BUTZ AND PARTY WERE
AGAIN THE GUESTS OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, THIS TIME
FOR DINNER AT THE PHIMAN THAI RESTAURANT. IN ADDITION TO
THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, SECRETARY BUTZ AND PARTY WERE
TREATED TO PERFORMANCES OF THAI CLASSICAL DANCES.

4. ON FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 5TH, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE,
BUTZ, MET WITH AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA
AND THE SUBCONTINENT. DURING THIS SESSION, THE SECRETARY
RECEIVED BRIEFING FROM THE ATTACHES ON THE PROBLEMS FACING
INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION IN THIS PART OF ASIA. THE SECRETARY
ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO UP-DATE HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE
ATTACHES ATTENDING THE MEETING. ON FRIDAY EVENING,
THE 5TH OF APRIL, SECRETARY BUTZ AND HIS PARTY WERE
THE GUESTS OF AMBASSADOR KINTNER FOR A DINNER AT THE
EMBASSY RESIDENCE.

5. DURING SECRETARY BUTZ'S DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR
KINTNER, THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE MATTER OF THE UMR FOR
THE PL-480 TOBACCO PROGRAM IN THAILAND. AMBASSADOR
KINTNER REQUESTED SECRETARY BUTZ'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AN
EXCEPTION FOR THE THAIS FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE
APPROXIMATELY 4,500 ADDITIONAL TONS OF NON PL-480 TOBACCO DURING
1973. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT THE PL-480 TOBACCO
PROGRAM WAS ABOUT TO COME TO AN END AND NOTED AS WELL THAT
THE U.S. WAS THE ONLY SUPPLIER OF TOBACCO TO THAILAND;
AND THAT, AS A RESULT, REQUIREMENTS TO FULFILL THE UMR
SIMPLY FOUND THE U.S. COMPETING AGAINST ITSELF. SECRETARY
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BUTZ TOOK THE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST UNDER ADVISEMENT AND
PROMISED TO DISCUSS THE PL-480 TOBACCO PROGRAM WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S STAFF AND THE INTER-AGENCY
COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON.

6. AMBASSADOR CHARLES WHITEHOUSE, AMERICAN EMBASSY
VIENTIANE, ALSO MET WITH SECRETARY BUTZ AND ADMINISTRATOR
HUME DURING THE SECRETARY'S STAY IN BANGKOK.

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7. MR. ALLEN GRANT, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU, MADE A SHORT FIELD TRIP TO THE CHOKCHAI CATTLE RANCH IN KORAT PROVINCE, NORTHEASTERN THAILAND. MR. GRANT TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CHOKCHAI RANCH AND THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED AT THE POTENTIAL FOR DAIRY AND MEAT CATTLE IN NORTHEAST THAILAND.
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8. UPON THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE, THE FOLLOWING DEPARTURE STATEMENT WAS ISSUED IN THE SECRETARY'S NAME BY THE EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE:

DEPARTURE STATEMENT
OF
U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ

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1. THAILAND IS THE FIRST NATION I AM VISITING IN A
THREE WEEK TOUR OF EAST ASIA. I HAVE HAD AN EXTENSIVE
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH PRINCE CHAKRABANDH, THE MINISTER
OF AGRICULTURE, AND HIS STAFF. THE WARM HOSPITALITY
EXTENDED TO ME AND MY PARTY DURING OUR VISIT TO THAILAND
IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

2. THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT TO EAST ASIA IS TO STUDY
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TRENDS IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET FOR AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS. TO THAI END I HAVE MET IN BANGKOK WITH THE
U.S. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES IN OTHER EMBASSIES THROUGHOUT
THIS REGION. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAILAND, ALL OF THE
AREAS I AM VISITING ARE IMPORTERS OF FOOD. CONSEQUENTLY,
AS TWO OF THE FOOD SUPPLIERS FOR THE REGION IT IS IN THE
MUTUAL INTEREST OF THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES, AS
WELL AS FOR THE FOOD IMPORTING NATIONS, THAT ORDERLY
MARKETING AND TRADE ARE CARRIED OUT IN THE WORLD.
WE BOTH HAVE A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY AS DEPENDABLE
SUPPLIERS OF FOOD.

3. IN THE LONGER TERM, ORDERLY MARKET MANAGEMENT ALSO
INVOLVES AN INCREASE IN THE OVERALL SUPPLY OF FOOD
AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT. IN THAILAND, AS ELSEWHERE, ANY
MAJOR INCREASE IN PRODUCTION IN THE SHORT TERM IS
RELATED DIRECTLY TO AN INCREASED SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS. WHILE
MY GOVERNMENT REMAINS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR
MORE FERTILIZER IN THE LONG RUN, THERE ARE NO EASY SOLUTIONS
IN THE SHORT RUN TO ACUTE WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF
FERTILIZER. THIS SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED ONLY A FEW DAYS
AGO AT THE ECAFE MEETING IN COLOMBO. AT THAT TIME THE
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES DECLARED THAT MY
GOVERNMENT "WILL DO EVERYTHIN IN ITS POWER AND IN
COLLABORATION WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES TO FIND THE BEST AND
SPEEDIEST SOLUTION TO THIS PRESSING ISSUE." I MIGHT ALSO
ADD, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT AMBASSADOR KINTNER IN
BANGKOK HAS AGGRESSIVELY BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION, AS
WELL AS TO OTHER AGENCIES OF MY GOVERNMENT, THE PARTICULAR
CONCERN OF THAILAND AS A MAJOR RICE PRODUCER IN
OBTAINING MORE FERTILIZER.

4. WITH REGARD TO OUR BILATERAL TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS, THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG BEEN AN IMPORTANT
AND RELIABLE SUPPLIER TO THAILAND, PARTICULARLY FOR COTTON.
THE TRADE POLICIES, AS WELL AS THE PROSPECT IN THE UNITED STATES
FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION, PROVIDE FURTHER ASSURANCES THAT WE
WILL BE PREPARED TO PLAY THIS ROLE IN THE FUTURE AS WELL.

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5. FINALLY, WHILE I HAVE VISITED THAILAND TO DISCUSS
AGRICULTURAL MATTERS, I HAVE AT THE SAME TIME BEEN IMPRESSED
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BY WITNESSING FIRST HAND THAILAND'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A
REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THAILAND SUCCESS
IN THIS DIFFICULT BUT REWARDING ENDEAVOR.

6. THE VISIT OF SECRETARY BUTZ TO THAILAND WAS A SUCCESS
FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW.
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